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### **1.1 Text of Article 31**

#### ***Article 31***

##### *Provisional Application*

The provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 6 and the provisions of Article 8 and Article 9 shall apply for a period of five years, beginning with the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement. Not later than 180 days before the end of this period, the Committee shall review the operation of those provisions, with a view to determining whether to extend their application, either as presently drafted or in a modified form, for a further period.

### **1.2 Review of Articles 6.1, 8 and 9**

1. The SCM Committee held a special meeting on 20 December 1999 to conclude the review under Article 31 which had commenced earlier in 1999. At that meeting, no consensus was reached by the Committee to extend Articles 6.1, 8 and 9, either as drafted or in modified form.<sup>1</sup> Articles 6.1, 8 and 9 have therefore lapsed.

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<sup>1</sup> See G/SCM/M/22. (See also G/SCM/M/18, item G, G/SCM/M/20, item E and G/SCM/M/24, item G). See also Appellate Body Reports, *US – Washing Machines*, fn 601; *US – Countervailing Measures (China)*, fn 675.